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ACKERMANN, CDU PRESS CHIEF IN BUNDESTAG, ASKED EMBASSY OFFICER TO CALL TODAY. WITHOUT ANY PRELIMINARIES, HE SAID ADENAUER HAD DISCUSSED RECENT PRESIDENTIAL LETTER WITH CDU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON OCTOBER 16. HE HAD NOT BRIEFED CDU/CSU BUNDESTAG DELEGATION BECAUSE OF CERTAINTY THAT HIS REMARKS WOULD LEAK TO PRESS. AS RESULT OF PRESIDENTIAL LETTER, CHANCELLOR'S UNEASINESS OVER U.S. POLICIES HAD DISAPPEARED. ADENAUER'S EARLIER CONCERN HAD BEEN GENERATED BY REPORTS MADE TO HIM BY AMBASSADOR GREWE; PRESIDENT'S LETTER HAD REMOVED HIS ANXIETY. HE WAS NOW IN PROCESS OF DRAFTING VERY FAVORABLE REPLY. IN REPLY, ADENAUER WOULD REAFFIRM HIS COUNTRY'S INTENTIONS TO MAKE POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS FOR CREATION OF ACCEPTABLE NEGOTIATING BASIS WITH RUSSIANS.

ACKERMANN SAID THAT CHANCELLOR WAS DISTURBED OVER FRENCH ATTITUDE TOWARDS WESTERN TALKS AND HE PLANNED TO DO SOMETHING. WHEN ASKED IF THIS MEANT LETTER TO DE GAULLE, ACKERMANN REPLIED THAT THIS HAD NOT BEEN DETERMINED. IN ANY CASE, GERMAN AMBASSADOR IN PARIS WOULD ACT AS CHANNEL.

ON NEGOTIATIONS, ACKERMANN EXPRESSED VIEW THAT ONE PROBLEM WAS TO SAVE RUSSIAN FACE. SOVIET PRESS ATTACHE HAD CALLED ON HIM AND HAD TALKED OF NATIONAL PRESTIGE FACTOR IN PRESENT

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SITUATION. ACKERMANN ASKED SOVIET OFFICIAL IF THIS DID NOT ALSO APPLY TO SOVIET UNION, AND LATTER ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IT DID.

ACKERMANN SAID THAT FOREGOING WAS GIVEN IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE AND SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED WITH GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE OR OTHER GOVERNMENTS.

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